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CRASH IN PRICES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of Jowar, Maize, Coconut and Copra and other agricultural crops have crashed in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether it is due to dumping of farm produce from the developed countries to India;

(c) if so, whether the Government have conveyed its opinion as a prelude to the GATT meeting to protect the interests of third world countries by checking the dumping of agricultural produce; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect the interests of farmers/coconut growers of Karnataka?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) The prices of Jawar, Bajra, Coconut, Copra and other agricultural crops haverecently by and large recorded a declining trend in some of the selected markets.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) All necessary steps are being taken to protect the interests of the farmers including those of coconut growers. These include enhancing the import tariffs on certain commodities and procurement of agricultural commodities like, certain cereals and oilseeds under price support scheme.